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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARLOS

ANDRES PEREZ.

REF: A. CARACAS 00790, B. STATE 20493

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE ASKING FOR NAMES,

RANKS AND ETA'S OF SPECIAL DELEGATIONS TO INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. INFORMATION IS REQUESTED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 12 RPT FEBRUARY 12. NOTE ALSO PROVIDES PROGRAM FOR INAUGURATION CEREMONICS. END SUMMARY.

1. TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE HONORABLE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN THE COUNTRY AND, WITH REFERENCE TO CIRCULAR NUMBER 00476 (REF A) OF THE 21ST OF JANUARY, HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THEIR KIND COOPERATION IN FURNISHING TO THIS FOREIGN MINISTRY, BY FEBRUARY 12 AT THE LATEST, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: A-- NAME OF THE PERSONS WHO MAKE UP THE SPECIAL DELEGATIONS TO THE INAUGURATION OF THE PRESIDENT. 2--RANKS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL DELEGATION. 3-- THOSE WHO WILL ATTEND ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES.

4.--IN THE CASE OF SPECIAL DELEGATIONS ARRIVING FROM ABROAD, INDICATE/DAY OF ARRIVAL IN VENEZUELA, AIRLINE AND LFIGHT NUMBER.

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2. FOR THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL

DELEGATIONS, WHERE THIS APPLIES, THE 9TH AND 10TH HAVE BEEN FIXED AS ARRIVAL DATES AND THE 16TH AND 17TH FOR DEPARTURE.

- 3. THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DR. ARISTIDES CALVANI, WILL TAKE PLACE THE 11TH AT 9:00 AM, IN THE SALON BOLIVAR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (DARK SUIT).
- 4. THE HANDING OF CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAS BEEN SET FOR THE SAME DAY--THE 11TH--AT 6:00 PM AT MIRAFLORES PALACE (DARK SUIT).
- 5. IN CASES WHERE A SPECIAL DELEGATION HAS BEEN SENT, THE DELEGATION LEADER AND HIS WIFE WILL BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL GUESTS, AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RESERVING

HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATIONS, DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 9 TO 16.
ALSO TRANSPORTAION NEEDS WILL BE MET. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS MAKING UP THE SPECIAL DELEGATIONS TO THE INAUGURATION CEREMONIES SHOULD NOT EXCEED SIX (6) INCLUDING WIVES.

6. GIVEN THE FACT THAT DURING THIS PERIOD THERE COULD BE DIFFICULTIES WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S HOTEL CAPACITY, IT IS SUGGESTED

THAT THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIESTAKE MEASURES TO RESERVE HOTELS AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS WHO WILL ARRIVE FROM ABROAD, WHERE THIS WILL BE THE CASE.

- 7. IT HAS BEEN DEEMED APPOPRIATE TO ADVISE IN ADVANCE THAT AT THE FOLLOWING CEREMONIES ONLY THE LEADERS OF THE DELEGATIONS WILL PARTICIPATE: 1--TE DEUM, WITH THE ATTENDANCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. PLACE: CATHEDRAL OF CARACAS. DRESS: FORMAL MORNING ATTIRE, WITHOUT WIVES. 2--CEREMONY OF INAUGURATION. PLACE: CONGRESS BUILDING. DRESS: FORMAL MORNING ATTIRE. WITHOUT WIVES. 8. THE LEADERS OF THE SPECIAL DELEGATIOS AND THE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN CARACAS WILL TAKE PART TOGETHER IN THE FOLLOWING CEREMONIES:
- 1. GREETINGS TO THE NEW CHIEF OF STATE. PLACE: MIRAFLORES PALACE. DRESS: FORMAL MORNING ATTIRE. WITHOUT WIVES.

 2. MILITARY PARADE. PLACE: LOS PROCERES AVENUE. DRESS.
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FORMAL MORNING ATTIRE. WITH WIVES.

- 3. VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND MRS. PEREZ. PLACE: LA CASONA, THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE. DRESS: DARK SUIT.
- 4. RECEPTION OFFERED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND MRS. PEREZ. PLACE: OFFICERS' CLUB. DRESS: DARK SUIT.
- 5. CONCERT BY THE VENEZUELAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND MRS. PEREZ. PLACE: MUNICIPAL THEATER. DRESS: DARK SUIT.

9 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THE OPPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE HONORABLE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITE IN THE COUNTRY

THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

10. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON NATURE OF RESPONSE TO NOTE. SPANISH TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. MCCLINTOCK

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